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Overview

This act allows banks and credit unions to hold savings promotion raffles. Savings promotion raffles occur when a participant deposits money into a savings type account with the bank or credit union and is given an opportunity to win prizes. Savings promotion raffles are exempt from the consumer protection statutes on prize notices and solicitations and exempt from the prohibition on gambling.

Section

- 1** **Authority; banks.** Provides banks with the ability to conduct savings promotion raffles.
- 2** **Authority; credit unions.** Provides credit unions with the ability to conduct savings promotion raffles.
- 3** **Exemption.** Exempts savings promotion raffles from the prize notices and solicitation consumer protection requirements.
- 4** **Savings promotion raffle.** Defines “savings promotion raffle” as a promotion where prizes are won by depositing money in a savings type account.
- 5** **Qualifying account.** Defines “qualifying account” as a savings type account by which a person depositing money can win prizes in a savings promotion raffle.
- 6** **Nonqualifying account.** Defines “nonqualifying account” as a savings type account, or other type of savings program, that is not a qualifying account, as defined in section 5.
- 7, 9** **Technical change.** Repeals a subdivision and places the same text in a new subdivision.

Section

- 8 Savings promotion raffles.** Provides that savings promotion raffles are allowed gambling if the raffle participants are not required to pay the bank or credit union in any way to enter the raffle, except the deposit of money into a qualifying account. Raffle participants are not considered to have paid the bank or credit union to enter the raffle just because the interest rate or fees for the qualifying account are less favorable than for other accounts. Raffle participants must have an equal chance of winning and do not need to be present to win.